

San Marino, Huntington Library, HM 30319

Description: ff. 108 - Bound, s. XIX ineunte, by Charles Smith in green morocco, gilt; gilt dentelle on the turnins; gilt edges. - Written in England in the early fifteenth century; ff. i-iii copied by Richard Aleyn, cellarer of Battle Abbey, 1459-63, and ff. v-vi verso by Thomas Bryd, cellarer, 1436-38. Evidently bound together at least by the time it was given to Battle Abbey by John Newton, cellarer, 1457-59, and abbot, 1463-90. Inscriptions, s. XV medio, on ff. v and 108, "Liber monasterii sancti martini de bello ex dono [f. 108: domini] Iohannis Nuton Abbatis cum signo IN" followed by a leaf flourish. Newton also owned a Brut Chronicle, now University of Chicago, Joseph Regenstein Library, MS 254, which bears the same "IN" initials and leaf flourish on f. 1; inscriptions in both manuscripts in black/brown ink. Belonged to Edward Willoughby, who used 3 bifolia of this manuscript as book covers: of the bifolium ff. 25-26, on f. 26v, upside down, his signature and the date 13 September 1725; of the bifolium ff. 33-34, on f. 34v, upside down, his signature and the date 17 March 1725; of the bifolium ff. 76-77, on f. 77v, upside down, the inscription "Domus Edward Willoughby," his signature and the date 1723/4; this last bifolium foliated (by Willoughby?) 4-5, right side up. In the upper margin of f. 1, s. XVIII (?), "Cronica Iohannis Londoniensis monachi Cantuariensis ecclesie." Acquired in 1836 from Thomas Thorpe by Sir Thomas Phillipps; Phillipps number on the small paper label on the spine, 8517. Phillipps sale, Sotheby's, 28 November 1967, lot 109 with a plate of f. 1 to the Huntington Library. - Ker, MLGB, 8. Chronica, 7. For a description of the Battle Abbey papers at the Huntington Library, acquired in 1923, see Guide to British Historical Manuscripts 1-20.

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Language: Latin *Country:* England *Century:* 15th

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Part 1: ff. i- vi verso (contemp. parchment) + 1-108v

Description: - Parchment - 182 x 246 mm - 1-3⁸ 4²(ff. 25-26, center bifolium) 5⁴(ff. 27-30, the 2 outer bifolia) 6²(ff. 31-32, center bifolium) 7²(ff. 33-34, center bifolium) 8-12⁸ 13²(ff. 76-77, center bifolium, now misbound; should precede f. 75) 14¹⁰ 15⁸(through f. 94) 16⁸ 17⁶. Quires signed in crayon with roman numerals in the lower margin of the first leaf recto, [1]-17; the first quire with leaf signatures in the same position. Catchword, f. 50v, in inner right corner in a noting hand. Manuscript written over a period of time, each text (except for those on ff. 105v-107) by a different scribe.

Country: England *Cardinal point:*

Region: City:

Assigned

Date: s. XV¹ *Searchable Date Range:* 1400 - 1450

Dated by scribe: No *Inscribed Date:*

Document: *Number of Scribes:* ;5; i, ff. i-iii (Richard Aleyn, cellarer of Battle Abbey, 1459-63); ii, ff. v-vi verso (Thomas Bryd, cellarer of Battle Abbey, 1436-38); iii, ff. 1-94; iv, ff. 95-105; v, ff. 105v-107

Scribe(s): Richard AleynThomas Bryd

Script: Littera textualis formata; Littera cursiva

Other Decoration: Opening initial, f. 1, 4-line gold with light green infilling and floral spray, frame in lower and outer margin of colored segments and sparse leaves, around which a snake is entwined, reaching upwards for a parrot, in an unskilled style; similar initials on ff. 72v, 73, 95. 5- to 3-line initials, blue only up to f. 11 included, then in alternating red and blue, then red only, then red, green or blue, all with red and green flourishing in a rough idiosyncratic style; some of the flourishing incorporates figures, such as a king's head (f. 11v), birds (f. 37v), animal heads (ff. 57v, 59v, 65v), a face (f. 91). Some sketches in crayon for flourishing on, e.g., ff. 16, 23v, 29v, 65. Red and green paragraph marks, initials in the text touched in red, nota marks in the margins often filled in colors. Rubrics frequently entered in the margins and enclosed by rope frames.

Notes: Latin

Number of Texts: 8

Text 1: ff. I verso-iii

Author: Walter Map

Title: Dissuasio Valerii ad Ruffinum philosophum ne uxorem ducat

Title: De Cacuvio [sic] et eius arbore capitulo 16

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Cacuvius flens arrio vicino ait

Explicit: quo ego timeo. Sed ne orestem scripsisse videtur. Vale.

Notes: Walter Map, De nugis curialium, Courtiers' Trifles, ed. and transl. by M. R. James, rev. by C. N. L. Brooke and R. A. B. Mynors. Oxford Medieval Texts (Oxford 1983) 288-313.

Text 2: ff. i-iii verso

Author: John Ridevall

Title: Commentary on the Dissuasio Valerii

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: //postea facit mencionem de poeta famoso et facundo et ponit responsionem quam dedit vir historiographus qui vocatur Livius

Explicit: quod adulator dicitur blandus amicus, veritas autem amara est rugose frontis et tristis offendit correctos. Explicit Epistola Valerii ad Ruffinum de uxore non ducenda cum Expositione eiusdem. [added in the margin, after the erasure of "quod Aleyn":] quod frater R. Aleyn.

Notes: Commentary of John Ridevall on the Dissuasio Valerii ad Ruffinum philosophum ne uxorem ducat by Walter Map, lacking approx. the first two thirds. On the commentary see R. J. Dean, "Unnoticed commentaries on the Dissuasio Valerii of Walter Map," Mediaeval and Renaissance Studies 2 (1950) 128-50; also found, for example, in Cambridge, University Library, Ff. 6.12, and in Oxford, Bod. Lib., Digby 147 and Douce 147.

Acknowledgments: We thank Prof. Ralph Hanna for the identification of the commentary and for the reference to other manuscripts.

Text 3: f. iii verso; f. iv recto-verso blank

Title: Genealogy of Sir Hugh Halsham

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Dux henricus lancastrie disponavit filiam dompni de Beaumont de qua genuit dominam Blaunch. Iohannes de Gaunte

Explicit: de qua idem david genuit alium David secundum Comitem de Asselles, qui quidem David secundus genuit duas filias quarum una filia mater fuit hugonis Halsham Militis.

Notes: Genealogical notice concerning Sir Hugh Halsham of Coombes, Sussex (d. 1442), through David, Earl of Atholl (1309-35).

Text 4: ff. v-vi verso

Title: Nomina sanctorum quorum reliquie hic in Bello continentur hec sunt Relics at Battle Abbey

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: In primis de ligno crucis domini qui est sanctus sanctorum, illo excepto philacterio quod de auro et gemma fulgida confectum est

Explicit: De sancta Lucia virgine, De sancto Ignacio episcopo et martyre. [added below the text:] ths. Bryd.

Notes: List of over 150 relics at Battle Abbey; no other list recorded for the Abbey.

Text 5: ff. 1-94; f. 94v blank

Author: Matthew Paris

Title: Flores Historiarum

Title: Incipiunt Cronica de adquisicione regni Anglie per Willelmum ducem Normannie et de pactis inter Willelmum ducem et haroldum

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Anno gracie Molxvio Willelmus dux normannorum applicuit in angliam Cuius adventus causa fuit hec. Cum dux haroldus filius Comitiss Godwini generis regis Edwardi in predio iuris sui scilicet apud Boseham perhendinaret

Explicit: Et ordinatum est per concilium regis istum cardinalem non plus debere habere quam acceperat olim Octobnus cardinalis et legatus in anglia, scilicet dimidium postulati.

Notes: By Matthew Paris. H. R. Luard, ed., Flores Historiarum. RS 95 in 3 volumes (London 1890), listing 20 manuscripts, HM 30319 unrecorded, although it appears to belong to a group of 5 other manuscripts descended from a manuscript of Merton Priory, now Eton Coll., 123. HM 30319 covers the period 1066-1306, but with considerable loss of text due to 28 (?) missing leaves; in Luard, 1:579-2:99, 2:110-2:118, 2:128-2:135, 2:148-2:161, 2:182-2:185, 2:195-2:202, 2:210-3:62, 3:83-3:87, 3:281-3:327. The text has been carefully collated with another manuscript, mistakes erased and corrected throughout.

Text 6: ff. 95-105

Title: Historia Apollonii Regis Tyri

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: In Civitate antiochia Rex fuit Antiochus nomine a quo et ipsa civitas nomen accepit

Explicit: Casus suos ipse descripsit et duo volumina fecit. Unum in templo diane ephesiorum, aliud bibliotece sue exposuit. [scribe's note in the lower margin:] Prave feci finem penitet me quod fixi pennam.

Notes: G. A. A. Kortekaas, ed., Historia Apollonii Regis Tyri (Groningen 1984); listed p. 20.

Text 7: ff. 105v-106v

Title: Correspondence between the Emperor Lucius and King Arthur

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Lucius imperator romanus regi Arthuro inimico suo salutem quam meruit. Miramur plurimum quod tu ausus es aperire oculos tuos contra nos

Explicit: usque ad reditum suum regendam et voluit quod regnaret ut rex quia heredem non habuit de corpore suo procreatum.

Notes: Exchange of letters between the Roman emperor Lucius and King Arthur, leading to a war in which Lucius is killed, followed by an account of Mordred's rebellion and Arthur's death.

Text 8: ff. 106v-107; ff. 107v-108v blank

Title: Notes on history of England

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Anno domini millesimo ducentesimo nonagesimo nono Margareta soror Regis francie philippi applicuit apud dovore in festo Nativitatis beate marie

Explicit: sed corpus eius [of Edward I] fuit dilatum in angliam et sepultum apud Westmonasterium anno proximo sequenti citra festum sancti andree apostoli xviii die mensis octobris et cetera.

Notes: Notes on various events, 1299-1307.

